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**Kerry pushes 'GLBT' bumper stickers - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/2 19:42**

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Sen. John Kerry's presidential campaign offers "GLBT" bumper stickers, a demonstration of his support for "gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered" activism.

The item can be purchased on the campaign website for \$2.

As WND reported, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute has declared the Edwards-Kerry presidential ticket the most "gay-supportive" in the history of the U.S.

The campaign website boasts Kerry has a 100 percent rating from the Human Rights Campaign, the nation's largest homosexual-rights group.

"John Kerry and John Edwards will work to support civil unions, prevent hate crimes, end discrimination, increase HIV/AIDS funding, and will protect Gay and Lesbian families," the website says.

**Re: Kerry pushes 'GLBT' bumper stickers - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/2 19:45**

Here is an image of the sticker:

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I don't think it matters that much over small issues with Bush vs. Kerry. The main thing here is that Bush is a godly man seeking the Lord and Kerry is an infidel trying to win over all sides of peoples to get into the presidential spot. Christians pray!

**Re:, on: 2004/10/2 19:56**

What makes you so sure Bush is a godly man?

**Re: - posted by sermonindex (), on: 2004/10/2 20:03**

Quote:  
 -----What makes you so sure Bush is a godly man?  
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Hi Brother, I think my words didn't come out as they should have. I think obviously between Kerry and Bush who has publicly declared Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour? Who has said he reads the bible and prays daily? Who has said the most important book is the bible? The answer to all those questions is Mr Bush. His confessed reliance on Christ in many things has been a witness of a man that is godly seeking after eternal things. He stances on many issues or morality has helped the country not slide into utmost imorality and debatuary. If you think its bad now it will get much worse especially if a man that doesnt know God comes into power. Godly means a man that has the righteousness of Christ and is going to heaven. We have an obligation no matter what political party we support to pray earnestly for George Bush.

But the fact of immorality and sin in the nation is due to Chrisitans not a president. The president cannot stop the flood of immorality in the hearts of men, we fight not against flesh and blood.

I am canadian and I am not sure of all the details of american politics. But as far as I know John Kerry is not a Chrisitan and therefore an Infidel (or rather in lighter language an unbeliever). I would love to be corrected on this and I do have a heart for america. I feel more strongly for America then my own govermental system and country in many ways, for muc h what happens in your country is almost 100% mirrored in canada a few years later.

Re:, on: 2004/10/2 20:24

Brother Greg,

Our nation was led to war by George Bush and his administration on the premise of two things, 1. that Iraq had developed weapons of mass destruction, and that 2. the secular Baathist SOCIALIST party was linked tactically and strategically with Al-Quaida, which is a loose grouping of various radical islamic terrorist bands.(commonly referred to as the islamic brotherhood in the past)

Both of these reasons for war have been shown FALSE. A lie, this is not the fruit of a follower of Jesus. He can publically scrunch his face all he wants and say he's praying, deceit is not the fruit of a man who says he is born again. But you see, this is the type of generational sin that runs endemic in the bush family, the father lied about his dealings with iranian terrorists in the past (the iran-contra scandal) he lied about panama. The grandfather Prescott Bush was a banker to the nazi's and the Roosevelt administration ordered him to cease all dealings, Prescott actually had to be fined by the US government to make him stop. Runs in the family.

But you see, bushes and clintons are what my country deserves, because they are us.....we are vain arrogant gluttonous fornicating liars, and the truth doesnt live in us, and whats really horrifying is that a man like bush the second actually bandies about the Name of our precious Savior, while he runs about and copmports himself like a Herod, and the whole "church" falls all over itself, letting itself be seduced by the dollar and power worshipping republican party. (I'm not a democrat btw, I'm a Spirit filled follower of Jesus)

Do you all really think the republicans are serious about ending abortion? no, its lip service paid to white evangelicals, to get their vote....and.....to get their money. Do you really think the republicans are serious about "protecting marriage".... its a joke, the body of believers THEMSELVES are not serious about marriage, look at the divorce rate of believers, same as the world.

Anyway, its too late for this country, 9/11 was just the beginning. Too many of our children have been burned in the fire. Judgement will fall. Our country will lose this war.

Re: - posted by Matthew2323 (), on: 2004/10/2 20:46

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How do you know it is **too** late? Is this something God has shown you? Has the legal limit on sin been met? If so, what do we do? Do we stop praying for revival and awakening?

You said "judgment *will* fall". What type of judgment? A final judgment?

Do you believe that a remedial judgment has *already* fallen on America?

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If this is ALL true ! WHAT ARE YOU DOING ABOUT IT? Believe me when I say this MOST Chrisitans are adding to the judgement of America. God help us all. Every criticism of George Bush should be from utmost love. I believe the man is born-again. Have you lied? Yes you have, does that make you not a Christian? careful with your reasoning. If you are a godly Christian in Christ Jesus being holy and setapart then your prayers should prevail with God. Pray for your nation so something should happen. A prayer of one man Elijah influnced a whole nation. Should not ours also.

Re:, on: 2004/10/3 22:01

Brother Greg,

before I get into the body of this post, that is the part where I tell you "what I'm doing" about the fact that my beautiful country is on the express train to damnation and fiery judgement, lets first talk about some Holy Scripture and then a bit of geopolitic's, circa 1990.

I am no John the Baptist, the only reason I say that is that he didnt couch his language when he spoke to the religious hypocrites of his day, he called them a "brood of vipers". and I am MOST definetly NOT the Lord Jesus Christ (big lol) but Our Saviour got up in the faces of the phonies of His day and said, "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside, but on the inside are full of dead man's bones and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness". Matthew 23:27-28

and I don't care how many ways, how many believers slice it, sending a nation to WAR on a pack of lies is WICKED LEADERSHIP. Telling our people that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and an active nuclear developement was and IS a lie. The US national command authority knew it pre-war, and they know it now. Telling the people that a godless secular political party like the ba-athist's had a strategic and tactical alliance/working relationship with the radical islamic terrorist network al-quaida is the equivelant of saying that TBN and CNN share network feeds. It's a lie, and coming back to me with the rhetorical argument, "have you lied?" is weak. (forgive me if that last seemed harsh, I don't know how else to put it) If I have lied, I get on my knees, I repent, be accountable and THEN MAKE IT RIGHT.

Nobody in national leadership is "making it right", nobody is coming back to the American people and saying "we lied". Did you know that this "born-again" leader doesn't even have the grace, or let's just put it in secular terms, doesn't have the good manners to attend ANY of the funerals of our brave guys (and girls) who have died in the line of duty. Doesn't have the grace to weep PUBLICLY at the funerals of those he has ordered into harm's way.

This is a bad leader, and this is a bad witness of what a born again leader should look like.

Turn to 1st Kings chapter 22 and you have a model template of what happens now. verse 6, "So the King of Israel brought together the prophets---about four hundred men--- and asked them, 'shall I go to war against Ramoth Gilead or shall I refrain?'

'Go' they answered , 'for the Lord will give it into the king's hand.'

Jehoshat knew something wasn't right, so he asked if a real prophet was around, and Ahab told him , yeh, theres one prophet I hate, coz he never says anything I like, and sure enough Micaiah acts true to form mocks them and then propheies that he saw the Lord on his throne getting ready to solict some lying spirits to entice Ahab to attack Ramoth Gilead and go to his death. This verse 19 thru 23, in the 22nd chapter of 1st Kings, it happened then, it can happen now. In fact I think I think it is. I remember the build up to war, I heard some awful stuff out of the church. I heard a lot of noise about "a just war", and a lot of other cover the various pastors were filling the airwaves and the sanctuaries with.

" A just war"

and then nobody paid attention on Febuary 1, 2003 when we woke up and saw one of our nations proudest technological achievements just splayed and sprayed against the blue sky in a fiery display, the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. When I was called on the phone and told to turn on CNN, and I saw that awful awful picture, my first thought, God has spoken. For a month before every had been talking and praying, is this coming war just? and now it seemed to me that the Lord Almighty spoke, and quite clearly. When I asked other believers if they thought this disaster was divine rebuke, NOBODY agreed with me.

To me, it was so clear as to avoid analysis. God took our little space toy and annihilated it.

and this war has been one disaster after another.

In late July of 1990, saddam hussein recieved a visit from Ambassador April Glaspie. He was waiting for one word of censure from her. Because he had been OUR client for so many years and had recieved extensive satelite intelligence from thru the years, he knew our capabilities, and he knew WE KNEW that he was massing troops on the Kuwait border, a

and not one word did Ambassador Glaspie say to this dictator. Saddam Hussein took this signal as tacit approval to invade Kuwait, that we wouldn't mind nor protest. The first Bush administration played him like a fiddle, because we wanted to "project force" into the Persian Gulf, because the reality is of the 15 millions barrels of crude oil we consume a DAY, we only produce 5.7 mln, and our government decided that our national security would best be served if American troops maintain bases within the Persian Gulf and specifically the Saudi Kingdom.

If I know this reality and this truth, you don't think the Arabs, the Ismaelites know this? What do you think bin Laden's complaint was? What do you think the reason was he sent those terrorists to attack us on 9/11?

That American troops sit in the holy land of Saudi Arabia.

That dichotomy was started under Bush the first, and now we have Bush the second laying a bed of lies to embroil us in Iraq, humbly I ask, does not the bigger picture become clear?

Our country is a slave to consumption, a glutton that consumes over 25% of the world's crude oil every day. Read the 18th chapter of Revelations, talks very specifically about the madness of this easy wealth.

Now these enemies who face us, before they die as suicide bombers, what are the last words on their lips?

Allahu akbar (God is great)

What are we there to die for?

the American way of life?

what is that?

cheap AM/PM hot dogs, free internet porn and Sunday football?

make not patriotism just another filthy idol, if things are wrong and they are, stand up and say it.

homosexuals and the ACLU are very easy targets to fire at, don't be fooled, go after the Herods, and the Domitians and all the other wicked kings and hypocrite religious leaders who WILL put you to death and imprison you, and beat you.

Now Greg, as to what I do; today I was honored enough to pastor our children's church (a Pentecostal church), I had about 30 children of mixed ethnicities, Arab Christians, Latinos, Blacks and Whites. One little girl timidly raised her hand and asked if she could ask Jesus into her heart. We prayed with this precious little one, and another of God's children walks in the light and freedom that is Jesus Christ. My secret prayer life is robust, and my little son and I read the Bible together. I maintain a homeless food ministry and always travel with clean socks, soap and Bible portions for the homeless. They and the children are my primary ministries.

I do pray that someday the powers that be, make preaching the FULL Gospel illegal, and make Bible possession illegal. I pray this because I am of the opinion that there are many pretenders walking the landscape feeding off the provisions of the Lord Jesus Christ, and if one had to really suffer for following the Lord, only those who are real worms of Christ will remain, and then and only then will the bride of Christ be made ready.

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/10/4 7:41**

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That is quite a reach, ever considered the family's of those aboard that disaster? Would you be willing to repeat this to them?

em? Not trying to be provocative but this is surely speculation at best and unnecessary in the least.

Perhaps a different perspective. Setting aside all the political banter for a moment, this is well worth a listen:

(<http://www.truthforlife.org//MP3DArchive.php>) <http://www.truthforlife.org//MP3DArchive.php>

(Public Prayer: Its Importance and Scope 1 Timothy 2: 1-8 )

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Part B

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### Re: bush - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/10/4 8:28

If Bush is a true Christian, then so was I three years ago when I was claiming I was; going to church 3 times per week and sending my kids to christian school. the fact was- that I was not, I was a lukewarm, backslidden person who was holding onto my own rights and not fully surrendered to the Lord. On the outside, I looked spiritual and good- I mean, look, i was doing all the right things to SHOW I was a christian. Yet, I have to guarantee that if I had died three years ago, I wouldn't be in heaven. I had one foot in the WORLD and one foot in heaven. hmmm, who else might have one foot in the WORLD and one foot in heaven??

All these things we claim to say about ourselves and others that make us christians- like "why" were we saved?(for God's glory, because He is worthy), have we surrendered all? have we died to self and sin? don't these apply to presidents as well?

Just because books claim something and a man claims something doesn't make it so. I cannot tell you the feeling I have about the deception that is going on here.

How can it be that we listen to Wilkerson and Ravenhill and Tozer and then we let the standards slide for one man?

If Bush is a true Christian, then the Purpose Driven Life and Seeker sensitive churches are all fine and dandy too- because they are running the same kind of deception. That mediocrity of our faith is good enough.

I know so many neighbors who act like Bush is next to Jesus. They all go to church 3 times per week, have Bush signs in their yard, claim they're "christian", quote how "good" the president is and follow his example by accepting all faiths as "good". Yet, they are the same ones who are getting divorced, watching football everytime it's on, drinking their beer in front of their kids and promoting american "PRIDE"-as well as all types of other PRIDE. It STINKS.

Bush has been president for the last four years and look at the state of the church- why because he stands for the typical christian in this country. Everyone thinks things are all fine and dandy because we have a "christian" president. Let's be happy and relax and SLEEP!!!!!!!!!!!!

We don't need to be sleeping. I don't care if Kerry gets in- maybe SOMEONE WILL WAKE UP. Maybe people will get on their knees and pray that revival comes to america. Doesn't anyone see that the way things are right now, that america will stay asleep???? Patriotism is idolatry in this country.

I think the enemy is very happy that the country is continuing to sleep, especially the "christians". That's where he wants them.

How can we be in disagreement with the rest of the 'in name only' christians in this country about how to enter the kingdom of heaven- yet we agree about the president? This doesn't make any sense.

It truly makes me want to leave this country and go where there is persecution so that I may be among true believers who are sold out for Christ alone. It won't be long before it's here anyway. While we're sleeping, they will come.

I am not saying that we shouldn't pray for our leaders. I pray that Bush will wake up and serve the living God like He deserves to be served. With no compromise. May the Lord's will be done in his life.

In Him, Chanin

edit: by the way, when I was a 'in name only' christian, running my own life; I was also a typical conservative republican who listened and believed all the hype. I had all the stickers and was on all the mailing lists and invited to all benefits and campaign dinners (local);as soon as the Lord woke me up from my sleep and I surrendered to the Lord, I saw through all of it. I had been one of them and they were all just like I was.

**Re:, on: 2004/10/4 18:20**

Quote:

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Brother Mike,

allow me to pose a question, would I be right in assuming that you believe that this war in Iraq is just?

Thats the common denominator of every believer who has told me I was wrong, wrong-headed, speculative, or unnecessary about reading the Columbia disaster as divine rebuke.

If you believe our adventure in Iraq is "just", then you are right, the Columbia disaster was just an accident. God wasn't in it. God would never judge America. America is a perfectly righteous country.

**Re:, on: 2004/10/4 18:59**

Dear Chanin,

thank you for that post. In these churches, sometimes I feel very alone. I'm gonna say what the Lord leads to me say, but it's nice to know that there are others who feel similar. I was smiling when I read what you wrote about our brethern listening to Pastor Ravenhill, and then not walking the walk. I remember what he said about hearing various guys bragging about having dinner at the white house, and then he said, (I paraphrase) "can you imagine Jesus bragging about dining with Pontius Pilate, or John the Baptist doing lunch with Herod".

Everytime I read the 2nd chapter of Joel, I think of Leonard Ravenhill, "weeping between the porch and the altar", placing the onus of revival back onto the pulpit away from the pew. Great stuff.

I was praying about how I would handle FOR REAL presecution. No joke, thrown in a hole, back ripped open persecution.

God is so good ,that He can comfort us NO MATTER WHAT!

In Jesus' love, Neil

Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/10/4 22:16

Quote:

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What my opinion is of whether or not the war in Iraq is just or not has nothing to do with making a dangerous statement like that. For one, how can you back it up?

Doesn't this just lend itself to all kinds of pronouncements? What about the tragedy in Russia recently? Or Sudan? Or the Hurricanes?...

Are all these judgements?

*There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, "Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way?*

*No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem?*

*No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish." Luk 13:1-5*

a non answer as an answer, on: 2004/10/5 0:32

Your non-answer is an answer. Forgive the assumption, but there is no way, as a Spirit-filled, born-again, Bible believing Christian, that you can say that this war is just. Because this war was borne on a bed of lies, and you are not going to give cover to wickedness and lies in high places. If we see it, we call it. Be like Bonhoffer.

How can I "back it up"?

The same Spirit that pulls me to my knees, the same Spirit that pulls tears of repentance out of me, the same Spirit that allows me to lay hands on the sick, that morning, had me weeping in agony over what I saw on that TV screen, that early Saturday morning. The Holy Spirit told me, this is judgement and I understand what it meant in Scripture when men were compelled to tear their clothes, because I want to tear mine. (with these half cotton/half poly t-shirts, its hard)

I didnt think that was divine judgement because I had some political agenda to work out. The Spirit told me, and I wanted to tear my clothes because I knew what this meant, and I really don't care if anyone sees it as I see it, because when it's all said and done, its just Jesus and me. I wanted to weep, because it wasn't supposed to turn out like this. I love my country, and have served it in the past, but we grow wicked. Greed and pollution, selfishness and murder fill this land from coast to coast, from the highest in the land to the lowest pedophile priest. The people drive huge gas guzzler's and turn on airconditioners that suck up precious resources, while the rest of the world watches in dismay. We are the worlds greatest arms dealers, selling death systems far and above any other nation. We murder our unborn and quibble about the ways to legislate it. While the "church" gives spiritual cover to a leader who doesnt have the courage and the backbone to help bury the dead heroes of this nation.

sickness and pox upon the land.

its no wonder you wont answer my question.

and what I said wasnt dangerous, its truth. How do I know that?

has this war been successful?

have the conditions of victory been spelled out to the people?

no on both counts.

meanwhile the bride of Christ in this country continues to be seduced.

Brother Mike, I was saved three years ago, before that I was right-wing republican , to the core. Jesus delivered me, because upon salvation I read the New Testament, and He told me, "follow me".

So I have.

I will not wrap myself in any flag, and my real citizenship is in a much different Place.

Glory be to God.

**Re: a non answer as an answer - posted by moreofHim (), on: 2004/10/5 2:40**

I have awoken in the middle of the night now and my heart is very heavy about this subject. Brothers and sisters, please pray about this subject. please allow the Lord to reveal the truth to us and do not follow the ways or teachings of men. the Lord is gracious and slow to anger but He does warn. i think Bro. Wilkerson would be the first to agree that all these things are warnings and time is running out. America is much worse than sodom and gomorrah and it is stinking rotten as it sits here in smug pride saying we are 'the best'. once again I am reminded of Ezekiel 16. The Lord has made it clear to me as well as david Wilkerson and many other people who grieve for the sins of this country that we are, as a country, idolatrous, adulterous, rich- thinking we have need of nothing. we are sitting here in our righteous religion as a nation who is supposed to be Christian- and we are a foul thing in the sight of our Lord. it is the religious, the church which stinks to high heaven- not just the worldly , the sinners. it's the church. His own people.

oh, when will we see past the kingdoms of this world. when will we look with spiritual eyes at the condition of america. look at the disgust of the rich and prideful church- of which Bush is a part of. I am homesick for God. i want so badly for him to just come down reveal all that is not of Him so that no one can be blinded any more. so that the enemy's schemes may be revealed.

think, think. who would be the antichrist (if there is one man who is the antichrist) will he come as a liberal democrat who is all for abortion and homosexuality and the obvious crimes? of course not- that would be way too obvious. everyone expects that. remember it will deceive even the elect. just as most of christendom is deceived about the rapture of the church and the narrow road to salvation- which both allow the church to go on sleeping in comfort. I am not saying that Bush is the antichrist but what he represents just may be.

Oh, I have never felt so strong in my spirit about getting this point across to people. i don't care if people think I am nuts. this is one area that the Lord has shown me warning after warning that we must be AWAKE. we must not follow the crowd here. who do you think will be persecuted when the time comes? those who appose the normal way of christianity, the kind that crosses over, the Schuller type church, the govt ok'd christianity.

oh, I have no words that I can say to get this all across. only anguish. brothers and sisters please pray that we know the truth. in our homes and our hearts we must be prepared, we must prepare our children to walk the narrow road against all whatever may come against this narrow path of faith we follow. we must teach them the difference between this worlds accepted view of christianity and true christianity - the kind that brings persecution.

I have walked the road of conservative republican "christian"s in this country. i walked it and was an idolater, an adulterer all the while. when the Lord required me to surrender over everything to Him, along went my citizenship and my allegiance to anything but Him. as I gave up those rights, He just ripped off the blinders on my eyes to those things which are not of Him. we have to be willing to give up the right to be right. to let go of what we have held dear for so long.

Though I always preach love- and you all know me, I cannot and must not be quiet about this. if I go to my grave, I will still be warning about the dangers of the govt and the christianity that it cloaks itself in. it is a cover up. there is a reason for it all and it is to deceive. and it is working. why would all the lukewarm church be going along with it if it wasn't working?

we must choose now who we will serve; God's ways or man's. if we don't choose now, then when it is time to choose, it maybe too late.

Oh, Lord let your kingdom come, let your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. I cannot wait until the day that He returns so that all that is hidden in darkness will be exposed. so that all that is not of Him will not stand. Oh, Jesus come and I



lead us in Your ways of humbleness. reveal your truth to those who have eyes to see and ears to hear. All we want is for you to be glorified. devastate us until we are clinging to you for dear life.

In Him, Chanin

**Re: a non answer as an answer - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/10/5 8:17**

Neilgin1,

Sorry, you are still wrong.

Quote:  
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Willing to forgive the assumption but what you did and are doing is setting up a straw-man to knock back down again.

I purposefully ignored the question earlier because I could see where you were going with this and I might add you never answered my question in regards to whether you would be willing to repeat this earlier pronouncement of judgment to the the family's of those who suffered in that tragedy.

Another danger is to assume that you have people all figured out because they might bring a consideration before you. I know it's easier to categorize and stick people into neat little boxes than to honestly consider that our own opinions might very well be wrong, mine included. But it is still judging with wrong judgment.

But to clarify and give my own worthless opinion on this war and politics in general...

First off want to redirect something here. This thread is getting off track not only in scope but in topic, will post at the end the intention of this category, that in essence is in prayer. The topic at hand, that of Mr. Kerry's campaign joining ranks with those who wish to promote their homosexual agenda has been lost in the verbiage and similarly your comment "...but there is no way, as a Spirit-filled, born-again, Bible believing Christian, that you can say that this war is just." is odd in that for one, no one ever said this, it is an extrapolation of your assumptions and two this in itself is a false statement. Can you really judge someones heart by an opinion?

Have had my fill of all the political rhetoric in times past just as well and frankly see all this wrangling over half-truths, loose facts, bi-partisan, agenda wielding, never ending debates over how 'they' are going to fix the problems...

I don't ascribe to 'party' doctrine or any of the sloganeering, nor to the mindset of what a modern day 'Christian' is 'supposed' to believe about a candidate or a specific position as they might have us all corralled into.

My 'opinion' on whether or not this is a 'just' war? Honestly, I don't know. Nor did I feel compelled to have to give some reasoning as to why I should have to answer that question. It is obvious that there is a lot of questions and lot of problems with the reasoning going in, but I don't think either side has all the facts and as usual in these things both sides are talking past each other without considering honestly all that is entailed. Not going to get bogged down in all this and I am not a moderate or liberal or conservative in the sense of the new definitions of those words.

Were the principles collide with Gods word I am against it and where they agree I am for it.

And a note on our sitting President. He is not a preacher nor is he teaching Christian doctrine so to pass judgment on his walk with the Lord I believe is equally dangerous, whether pro or con. Let us keep in mind that there is a congress, legislature, Judges and a whole system of government that comes into play.

To pray for our leaders is not a cop-out nor should it be a tag-on to our opinions, it should be an essential if we really want to see any real change in this world that we live in.

We can easily get caught up in emotional issues of the day and forget that this world is built on lies. This coincided with my thoughts this morning:  
([http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id3150&post\\_id21227&order1&viewmodeflat&pid21044&forum31#21227](http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id3150&post_id21227&order1&viewmodeflat&pid21044&forum31#21227)) Living By The Truth

Lastly, let us not forget that we are not the only country on this planet, there are leaders in nations of other people even our brethren that frequent this site who need our prayers.

Here is an excerpt of the scope of this forum heading (Intercession and Current Events):

"Praying for and interacting regarding current trends and events, for men in authority and their hearts and influence."

Please consider reading the full posting.

([http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id2113&forum48&3](http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id2113&forum48&3)) GUIDELINE: Praying for current trends and events

**Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/10/5 9:14**

The priestly, first-priority-prayer - 1 Tim 2 - to be engaged in as a fundamental sign of a man born-again and submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ does not consider political positions in terms of being right or wrong, right or left, political correctness or its antipode demonstrated by various candidates aspiring to presidency.

Our sole duty, a duty marked by a Cross large enough to be shunned by most people in our very modern churches, is to pray FOR the leadership for the sake of establishing a setting in which godliness receives recognition.

Our very negligence in interceding FOR the leadership is one of the brightest sign signalling our, the Church's, unwillingness to become a testimony in a dying world.

If our praying is inspired and directed by party preferences, even by what is good and better from certain human and humanistic perspective, it is not to be heard in Heaven simply because our "good" is not good enough.

Lars W.

**Re: - posted by KeithLaMothe, on: 2004/10/5 11:32**

Well.

A few things come to mind:

- We must take care that we are obeying God in our attitude/behavior/etc. towards president Bush (and senator Kerry, and the guy that cut us off in traffic, and our pastor, and Saddam Hussein, and the rest of them). Whether we consider him a friend or an enemy, we'd better love him as we love ourselves. That might include giving rebukes that would make John the Baptist raise his eyebrows.

- The question of whether this war is just or based on lies is somewhat moot if one is merely attempting to discern whether president Bush is a 'real' (i.e. "going to heaven") Christian. He's given us plenty more warning signs that are far clearer than the accusations that he's lied about the war. Check out <http://www.bushrevealed.com/>

Douglas Wilson posted an article 09/11/2004 on this topic, and I think it to be quite worth reading:

Quote:

-----Wishing I Could Vote for Bush

There are quite a few reasons, actually. But none of them push me over the line. After eight years of Clinton, it has been comparatively pleasant to have a government staffed with grown-ups. Add to that the fact that Jean-Francois Kerry is, in countless ways, insufferable. N'est pas? Couple this with the fact that Bush is predictable -- he appears to me to be driven by principle, even when I differ with those principles. Bush's approach to the problem of terrorism seems to me to have been admirable in many ways. Some might point to the apparent quagmire in Iraq as a counter-example, but we have to remember that our choice was not between a quagmire in Iraq and no quagmire in Iraq. The choice was between American soldiers dying abroad or civilians dying here. I believe we have had three years of freedom from terrorism domestically because of Bush's response.

Another reason for considering support for Bush is that a Republican president brings with him at least the possibility of decent Supreme Court appointees, while a Democratic president provides us with a guarantee of horrendous Supreme Court appointees. This argument is not as compelling as it might be because the Republican record is spotty at best. After twenty years of abortion, Roe v. Wade was upheld by the Supreme Court, and the Court that upheld that grotesque decision was made up of Republican appointees, 7 to 2.

Probably the best argument that Christians have offered for supporting Bush is that we need to learn how to advance our agenda incrementally. We ought not to be sectarian in our politics. We have to be patient. We have to pay our dues. Bush in office provides us with more opportunities for good than Kerry in office does, and so we have to take what we can get. Since it is almost certain that either Bush or Kerry will be the next president, why should Christians not rally behind the one that is least objectionable?

The problem is idolatry. George Bush is not a proposed law, or a referendum. He is man who has a responsibility to worship God through Jesus Christ

. And this he does, as a baptized and confessing Christian. He is like Solomon, and is a covenant member. But, also like Solomon, he is doing something else. George Bush, in a disciplined and principled way, has supported and advanced syncretistic idolatry. He was central in that abominable National Cathedral worship service after 9-11. The National Cathedral really has become a National Pantheon. He had the Islamic holy month of Ramadan honored in the White House. He paid religious honor at a Shinto shrine in Japan.

Incrementalism makes good sense when we are talking about proposed legislation. Passing a law that outlaws partial birth abortion is not compromise d just because the law does not obtain everything we are after. One step at a time. Laws or bills or measures almost require incrementalism by definition. But men, when they need to repent in fundamental ways, must not do so incrementally.

Take again the example of a reforming king, like Hezekiah or Josiah. They did what they could, and the Scriptures praise them as godly kings, even if they did not succeed in removing all the high places. If there were idolatrous places of worship in Israel, incrementalism in removing them could make good practical sense. But say that the king in question was personally worshipping in all these pagan temples. Incrementalism in backing out of such idolatry is incoherent. Confronted with ten forms of idolatrous worship, a godly king in ancient Israel might not have tackled them all at once. But if he was participating in all ten, repentance would look like simple repentance, and he would walk away from all ten, all at once. He would not detach himself from idolatry incrementally. Nathan the prophet would not have arrived at court to urge him to "taper off."

So the central problem is that our national evangelical leaders who support Bush show no signs of any willingness to confront the central problem here, which is that of syncretistic idolatry. In fact, all the indicators are that our evangelical leaders are complicit in this sin, or have accommodated themselves to it in some fashion. Who is the evangelical leader, who has the president's ear, who has confronted him about this? And a private confrontation doesn't count -- these are high profile public sins, and the confrontation needs to be as public as the sin.

Further, this illustrates that incrementalism is a two-way street. Who is more likely to get politically-involved Christians to participate in idolatrous worship services? Bush or Kerry? Who is more likely to get Christians to timidly occupy their assigned corner in the National Pantheon? Bush or Kerry? Who is more likely to get conservative Christians to go along with some generic "people of faith" approach? Bush or Kerry? Given the zeal with which many Christians support Bush (despite such glaringly obvious problems) I think we already have our answer. Incrementalism doesn't work if you sell your soul along the way.

In conclusion, I readily admit that this is all very easy for me to say. I live in Idaho, which is about as likely to go for Kerry as it is to go for Nadir (no, not a spelling mistake). Further, I am beginning to suspect that Bush will not only win, but that he will win in a blow-out. I am not at all convinced that the election will be a squeaker like last time. But if I lived in a swing state, and if I knew the election was going to be close, the pressure would be on me good, and I confess it. There would be beads of sweat on my forehead. I cannot abide Mr. Kerry, and his running mate, Mr. Happy Bottom, is little better. Couple this with the fact that I really like George Bush. In fact I like him so much that it really distresses me that among our national Christian leaders, there has been no one willing to play the role of a faithful prophet and friend. George Bush is a layman, and he could always excuse himself by pointing to all the evangelical leaders, like Billy Graham, who follow this same approach. Who will tell the president to stop including the idols, and in doing so, make it a fundamental issue? Billy Graham? Jerry Falwell? World magazine? Again, the problem is the Church, and the fact that the position I am arguing is controversial shows that their incrementalism is working far better than ours is.

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## Re: Is it Chance, or is it God? ... - posted by Rahman, on: 2004/10/5 11:33

Saints, we can all argue till the cows come home about whether the war in Iraq is just, or unjust, just as we can all be judgmental as to whether President Bush is a man of God or not ... i personally think that President Bush is saved because the Word says that no man can claim Christ as His Savior unless by the power of the Holy Spirit, and i've heard him do so on a couple of occasions ... If you all knew some of the mistakes i've made in my past, and some of the still stupid things i do even at present (having to beg for forgiveness from Christ), you might judge me unsaved too ... But i digress ...

Bottom line is this, we all may speculate about God's will at present, and His will for the future, but if it's past events were talking about i think we can all agree that apparently it was God's will ... So it was God's will that Bush 43 be President, or it would not have happened ... And it's apparent that it's God's will that we're at war in Iraq, for if not we wouldn't be there ... This is something that our Lord said to me a few weeks ago after listening to Daniel, when He caused me to post .

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IS IT OF CHANCE ... OR IS IT OF GOD?

[http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic\\_id=3148&forum=35&0](http://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=3148&forum=35&0)

He said to me, "My people see my hand in the history of the past, and in My promise of their future, but they never see me in their present" ...

i suggest that it's a very difficult thing to see just where God is going with His plan in a present situation, and to surmise the future, without His special revelation to someone is more than impossible, but all past transpirations are the will of God ... Some folk say that God has two wills ... One permissive (He lets Things happen) ... And one Sovereign (He makes things happen) ... i've subsequently, after listening to the prophets have come to this conclusion, "Whether He let, or makes things happen, He's sovereign" ... That's the lesson of Daniel to King Nebudchanezzar, and that's the lesson to us ...

God is in control of ALL! ... President Bush being in power, and this war in Iraq, even tho we might not understand it, serves God's purpose, or it just simply wouldn't be ...

i personally am voting for President Bush because he at least spouts the name of Jesus, and has dared to tell the press that he confers with God in prayer concerning the things of this nation, and all else, including his reasons for this war, i leave between he and our Lord ... i'm voting for Bush because he seems a lot closer to what i believe as a Christian, than John Kerry, and if i'm wrong, and am questioned by God of my decision when He opens my book, then i can honestly say to Him, "Lord i did what i thought was best as a Christian American voter for the country you placed me in" ...

i can tell you saints that while we're all preoccupied with our discussions, arguments, beliefs and disbeliefs, God's will is being done in us, by us, with us, for us, to us, and in spite of us, whether we agree with His methods, or the people He chooses to use, saved and unsaved ... i'm voting for Bush, and if it's the Lord's will he'll be president for four more years .. . If Kerry gets in, then that too would be the Lord's will ... All i know is that He lifts up, and He takes down, from the highest, to the least of us ... And no matter who rules America, or any other nation, super power or banana republic, it's our God manipulating all to His advantage, to the coming and establishment of His kingdom on earth ...

He makes Himself very clear who's in control of the so called "matters of men" in Daniel ... Amen

**Re: Dear Mike, on: 2004/10/5 20:08**

I will answer your question from prior posts about if I would share my word on the Columbia disaster with the family members of our astronauts lost in this tragedy. No, I wouldn't, because it would not be appropriate. To those who mourn, family members, it would be better to hug and love and comfort those who grieve. It would not be an appropriate loving witness to say, "well, your loved ones just died so that God could send divine rebuke to a stiff-necked people".....much the same as neither of us would say to the family of a homosexual who just died of AIDS, "well, your loved one just paid the price of a reprobate lifestyle and now burns eternally in a fiery hell".  
That's not the nurture aspect that Jesus has us to undertake in a grieving environment.

However, on a non-exclusive discussion forum dedicated to issues of the faith we share, I think it's a perfectly legitimate issue to ponder. You disagree with me.....okay. Fair enough.

I used to be an active trader, quite active. It's one of the environments I was raised in, and one of the lessons that this world laid on me was this; when everybody disagrees with you on a position, then you are probably right.

And everybody in the faith professes that God is sovereign, and is in everything. Then to call the Columbia disaster, just an accident, just a freakish accident with a chunk of styrofoam tearing loose and hitting the leading wingtip and ripping a invasive hole, that resulted in the complete immolation of the craft, and to deny that God could be in that.....I don't know how to counter that, but to say okay, we disagree.

My question to you, do you believe this war is just? is perfectly reasonable, because I want to ascertain if you are another of the President's apologists buried inside the white evangelical church in the United States.

If you believe that this President DID NOT lie or mislead the American public in the lead-up to war, then to you, this war is just, and there is nothing more for us to say.

And this is a perfectly legitimate issue for us to discuss in the prayer and intercession section, because if you feel as I do, that deceit is a frequent policy CHOICE in the Bush administration, and the President comports himself as a "born-again" believer, he IS A WITNESS, and that is a problem warranting prayer. Because if you and I were in leadership at a church and you and I had a leader who was challenged in the veracity department of his ministry, we'd have to be on our faces before we deign to confront this man, and then confront we WOULD. We would NOT let such a situation continue without voicing active opposition.

But if the church believes that everything regarding the war is hunky-dory, and the President dealt with the public on the level, and truthfully, we have no further need for dialogue.

But I really believe that there are a few, who view this seduction of the Bride of Christ by a cynical secular political party interested only in its accumulation of power and wealth, there are those who view this as the beginning of the birth of the church of the beast.

Praise God! Come Lord Jesus!

You don't have to answer my question. I pray my assumption of the answer is wrong.

May God bless you and your family is my continuing and heartfelt prayer.

Neil

**p.s. Dear Mike, on: 2004/10/5 20:17**

I almost forgot; I have been praying and meditating over this whole line of discussion, and I was reading First Corinthians and this passage just leapt out at me. I don't know what it "means", or how its "applicable" to the whole discussion, but it just resonated in my soul and I wanted to share:

" We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honoured, we are dishonoured! To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. Up to this moment we have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world".

1 Cor 4: 10-13

in the margin this morning I wrote, "The apostolic lot in life".

Thank You Holy Spirit for Your Word!!

**Re: - posted by crsschk (), on: 2004/10/6 1:56**

Well Neilgin1,

Perhaps what is of interest is this ability of putting words into my mouth by assumption or 'guilt by association'.

An example:

Quote:  
-----But if the church believes that everything regarding the war is hunky-dory, and the President dealt with the public on the level, and truthfully, we have no further need for dialogue.  
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You brought up the war and for whatever reason want to continue to make this the issue, but I am not going to get caught up in all the rhetoric just because this is your particular bent. Again, you are still making assumptions based on what you 'think' someone is thinking.

As to the shuttle, this is still curious logic, that you feel free to state one thing in private and another in public. What if the y happened upon this discussion?, it is readily available to read. More than that isn't it duplicitous especially if you compare it to this line; *"that deceit is a frequent policy CHOICE in the Bush administration"*? Before you jump on that one as a n 'AHA!' and make another assumption, isn't that the same thing as above?

Quote:  
-----when everybody disagrees with you on a position, then you are probably right.  
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Do you really believe that? That seems to be the wrong criteria to base your positions on, especially amongst the brethren.

I don't want to take this to extremes either. It's just that I am suspicious of proclamations that can come from possibly our own minds and think the danger is in attributing them to God and then making them public without consideration of possible ramifications. Have heard many things that believers have said they 'got' from the Lord and shoot there is times when I think the Lord has spoken something to my spirit but being that I don't trust my own thoughts and the preponderance of dissimilar 'prophecy's' and the like that can't be collaborated or backed up scripturally would always cause me to err on the side of caution. But that's me.

I don't know how this all comes across to the listening audience out there, but I am not angry in the least brother. Just puzzled a little and originally was trying to just point out some things that didn't seem to me to be able to be reconciled scripturally.

What I likely failed to convey is that I hate politics and this is just one of the reasons I do. We don't have all the facts, we get prejudiced information at best and it just always turns into a verbal slug fest that is usually more emotional than logical. Besides that's why I was attempting to direct this to a different perspective in the earlier replies, I hesitate to even post this

**Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/10/6 2:29**

Quoting Mike:

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Hating politics is a good starting point. It relieves you from prejudices and standpoints regulated by group loyalties. Submitting to Christ, submission to the Lordship of the Holy Spirit orders ones priorities according to Heavenly measures, which means that prayer silently moves in as a major object, a major predisposition in ones life. Hating the ways belonging to what is earthly is a point of beginning as to relevant intercession. The angry man, trying to take his rights according to his own way will never succeed before the throne. He cannot pray. His efforts are but wind and little bit of noise, a rattling of the bar of the cage. An ordered discussion aiming at bringing forth substantial points for prayer is blessed by the Lord. There is no fruit to find any other way.

Lars

**Re:, on: 2004/10/6 13:30**

Mike,

without belaboring anything, the only reason I brought up the war was in response to Greg Gordon's post:

Quote:  
-----I don't think it matters that much over small issues with Bush vs. Kerry. The main thing here is that Bush is a godly man seeking the Lord and Kerry is an infidel trying to win over all sides of peoples to get into the presidential spot. Christians pray!  
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I'm not wild about politic's either.

**Re: - posted by mloaks, on: 2004/10/6 14:42**

Tell it!

NPR played Kerry's opening remarks at a Natl Day of Prayer meeting years ago, and it was one of the most poignant testimonies to belief in Christ I have ever, ever heard.

I've no love for the Demos (i'm registered Green), but that, and Edwards exposing the unqualifications of cheney last night, have this Christian leaning Kerry hard.

I hope for the day when the body of Christ frees itself from the GOP's poison apple.

Christ said be innocent as doves and shrewed as foxes. I think Kerry may have taken that to heart.

I praise God that W states his faith clearly, and that it lifted him up from the state of 'born on third, and thought he'd hit a triple'. But he has lied to us, and altho POTUS do that at times (except Jimmy?!?), at least they have to have more fruits to be known by than the Skull & Bones, moronic intellect, and talking down a man's war record instead of why we really, really invaded Iraq.

**Mloaks, on: 2004/10/6 19:56**

Praise God!!

I heard that on NPR also!! That was pretty neat.

Abortion is non-starter, there is NO wiggle room on that issue.

God bless you sir.

**Re: - posted by KeithLaMothe, on: 2004/10/7 11:53**

Quote:  
-----I hope for the day when the body of Christ frees itself from the GOP's poison apple.  
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I do too, it's very clear to me that the Republicans are not in our corner, but I can't stress enough that the Democrats are definitely **not** either. Just because Bush isn't much better (and perhaps in some ways worse) than Kerry doesn't make Kerry good.

Quote:  
-----at least they have to have more fruits to be known by than the Skull & Bones, moronic intellect, and talking down a man's war record instead of why we really, really invaded Iraq.  
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Kerry is also a Skull & Bones, and the Dems have targeted Bush's National Guard record (at least Bush has released his full military record, Kerry has not, and apparently won't address that issue). I'm not arguing for Bush, merely that the Dems aren't any better.

(btw, if you want a party that seems wholeheartedly Christian in its politics, try <http://www.constitutionparty.org> )

Anyway, I think that the best thing for the body of Christ to do in this whole mess is to realize that politics is downstream from culture (see the recently released book "Total Truth" for much more on that line of thinking), that politics is far too weak and too coercive to truly accomplish what we want, and that we shouldn't rely on a man in the White House or however many people in the legislature to do our job of "salt and light" for us.

Zechariah 4:6  
Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.

**Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/10/7 12:00**

As moderator of this forum, I insist.  
Where does this take us in regards to prayer?  
Lars W.

**Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/10/7 12:06**

A commentators note:

1Ti 2:2 -  
For kings - On the respect due to rulers, see the notes on Rom 13:1-7. The meaning here is, that while all people should be the subjects of prayer, those should be particularly remembered before the throne of grace who are in authority. The reason is, that so much depends on their character and plans; that the security of life, liberty, and property, depends so much on them. God has power to influence their hearts, and to incline them to what is just and equal; and hence we should pray that a divine influence may descend upon them. The salvation of a king is of itself of no more importance than that of a peasant or a slave; but the welfare of thousands may depend on him, and hence he should be made the special

subject of prayer.

All that are in authority - Margin, or, "eminence" This does not necessarily mean those who hold office, but refers to any of elevated rank. The happiness of all who are under their control depends greatly on them, and hence we should pray for them that they may be converted people, and inclined to do that which is right.

**Re: - posted by mloaks, on: 2004/10/7 12:10**

I thought this was about prayer for leaders. Sorry.

Talk re whether our leaders are prayed for and why is relevant to me.

**Re: - posted by lwpray (), on: 2004/10/7 12:15**

Yes, this forum is set up to generate prayer for men in authority.

Each and every comment and posting should hold this in focus - how can we pray; how can we pray together; what kind of opening do we have here for prayer which pleases God and which will secure an answer along the lines of godliness and serenity.

Lars W.

Minor moderator

**Re: - posted by KeithLaMothe, on: 2004/10/7 12:23**

I apologize, brother Lars, I forgot where I was.

- pray that Bush would repent of his syncretistic idolatry and any other sins, and obey God in his capacity as president and throughout his whole life, and that we might serve him in whatever way God desires us to serve him.
- pray that Kerry would repent of his sins (I won't get listing), put his faith in Christ and not trust in Romanism (if he currently is), and obey God in whatever political capacity God puts him in, and in all of his life, and that we might serve him in whatever way God desires us to serve him.
- pray for the rest of the U.S. leaders, and those throughout the world
- pray that the body of Christ not be deceived into thinking (explicitly or implicitly) that politics is some kind of savior to be relied upon to fix the problems facing our societies, and that we rely upon God and God alone, seeking His will and His will alone.